

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION PER RESOLUTION G-98-20, TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM – STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS WAIVER-06-29**

CTC ACTION UPDATE: The California Transportation Commission approved this time extension request for 12 months only, to June 30, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-06-29, extending the period of project allocation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservations Authority Confluence Park Project for 20 months, until February 28, 2008.

ISSUE:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is not ready to proceed with the next phase of the project at this time and is requesting a 20-month time extension to the period of project allocation for \$2,923,000 programmed for construction of Confluence Park Project.

On April 4, 2002, the Commission approved Resolution G-02-03, programming \$3,023,000 for the Confluence Park Project in the second round of the Statewide Transportation Enhancements (STE) share of the Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA). On February 26, 2004, \$100,000 was allocated for the preliminary engineering phase of the project. The \$2,923,000 for the construction phase was programmed for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

The allocation request for construction has been delayed for several reasons. Redesign of the Riverside Bridge Project and the addition of a roundabout to Riverside Drive by the city of Los Angeles caused revisions to the design of the bikeway/pedestrian paths. The county of Los Angeles is also in the process of designing the Arroyo Seco bikeway, which will join the Confluence Park bikeway. The Confluence Park bikeway cannot be designed until the Arroyo Seco bikeway design is completed. The agency expects to complete the Arroyo Seco bikeway design in June 2007. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority currently anticipates completing design of the Confluence Park bikeway in December 2007. The agency is requesting a twenty-month

extension to the June 30, 2006 deadline for construction allocation, changing the deadline to February 28, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted the EEM Program procedures and criteria to govern the STE share of the TEA Program by passing Resolution G-98-20, which was subsequently revised by Resolution G-00-18 on July 20, 2000.

STE projects are not programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program, but must receive a Commission allocation vote within the same fiscal year they are programmed. The STE applicants are allowed to determine the fiscal year of delivery (unlike the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, where all of the projects are programmed at the beginning of each fiscal year and have until the end of that specific fiscal year to be allocated). The Department staff, with Commission staff concurrence, defined program year as the applicant's designated fiscal year for delivery. The project then has two additional fiscal years to obligate the TE funds and award a contract.